

WI-333
Peninsula Bank
Princess Anne
Private

1919

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Peninsula Bank

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-333

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
 Commerce
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
 1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Bank

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-333

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Peninsula Bank

2. Location

street & number 314 Main Street

___ not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___ private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located at 314 Main Street in the town of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Peninsula Bank is a single-story ell-shaped brick structure that faces north with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1919, the single-story brick structure is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Main and Church streets. Erected in pressed brick with narrow mortar joints, the original bank building followed a temple or gable-front design which was expanded during the mid-to-late twentieth century with a gable-front entrance vestibule and a lateral single-story wing that extended the early twentieth century building to the east. The addition includes a porte-cochere that incorporates a drive-through teller. The medium pitched roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The north (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a side double-door entrance sheltered by a single-story vestibule addition designed in imitation of the original temple form. Piercing the front wall of the bank on the east side of the entrance vestibule is a double window opening spanned by a jack arch featuring a concrete keystone. The outside corners of the bank building are defined by projecting brick pilasters that rise to a classical entablature. The gable front is highlighted by the triangular pediment. Fixed in the center of the tympanum is a concrete datestone inscribed, "1919."

The Church Street elevation is a three-bay facade defined by large single-pane sash windows. The window openings are spanned by brick jack arches accented with concrete keystones. The foundation is pierced by two rectangular openings with vertical metal bars. The outside corners of the west wall are defined by projecting brick pilasters that rise to a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings.

The south (rear) wall is a two-bay facade with two unequal sized window openings. Each window opening is filled with a single-pane sash and accented with a jack arch and keystone. The gable end of the bank is defined by a triangular pediment.

The east side elevation is covered largely by the lateral mid-to-late twentieth century brick addition designed to mimic the early twentieth-century details of the original building. Projecting brick pilasters trim the corners and the window openings are accented with jack arches and keystones.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1919

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The former Farmers Bank of Mardela Springs is an important architectural and historical site for this rural village, which has lost most of the commercial activity that once occurred along Main Street. As a result the building qualifies for listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that should be retained.

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314 Main Street
Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title
Map 200, Parcel 158

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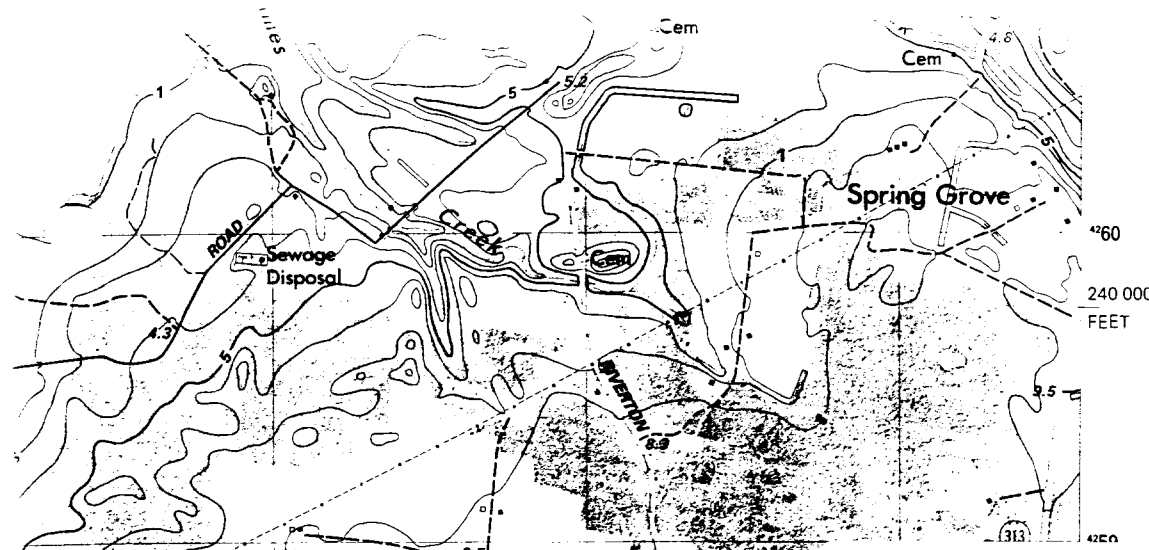
James E. Bacon
Lizzie A. Bacon

to

1/25/1919

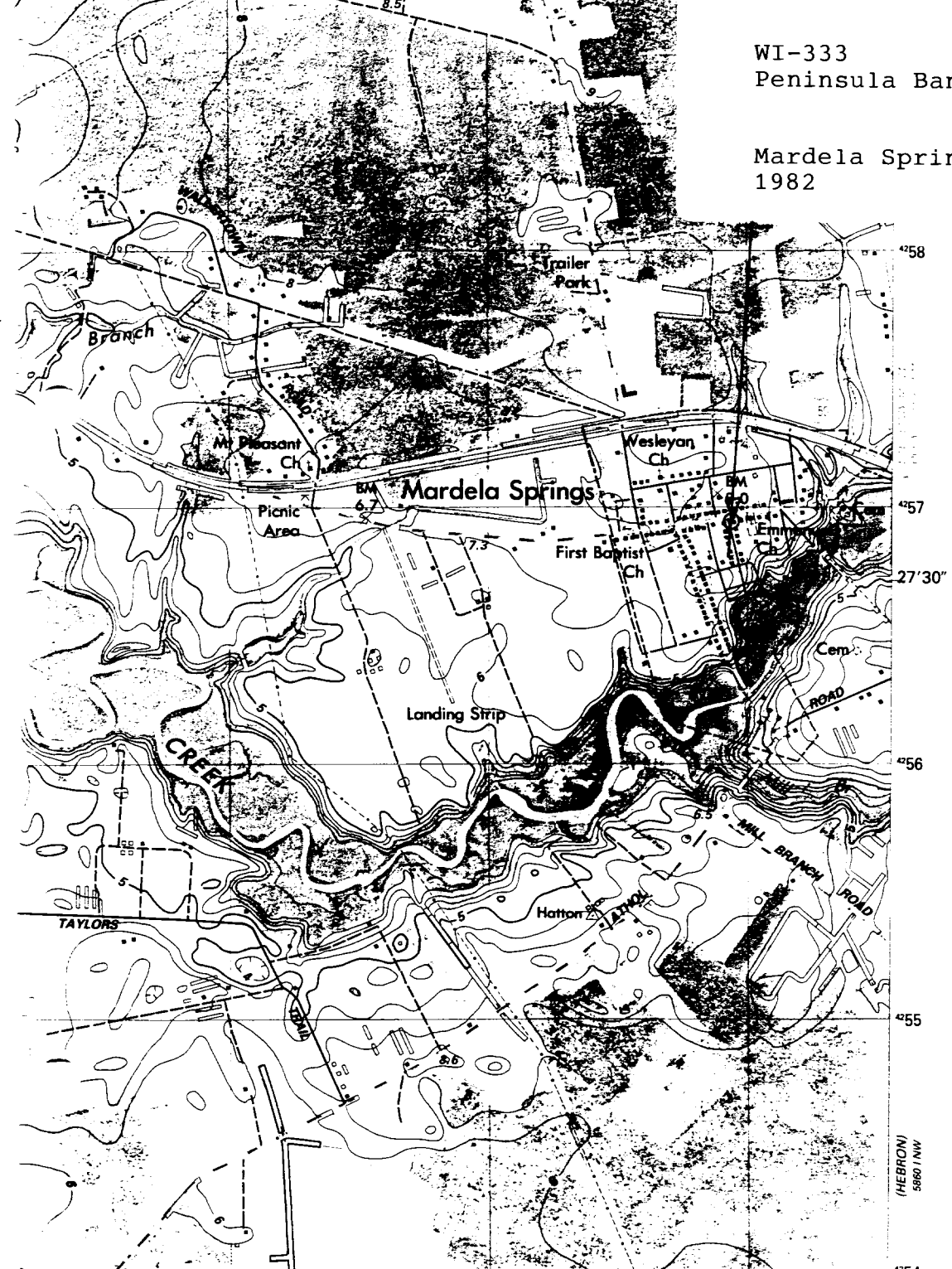
Directors of the Farmers Bank of Mardela Springs
of Wicomico County
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\$200

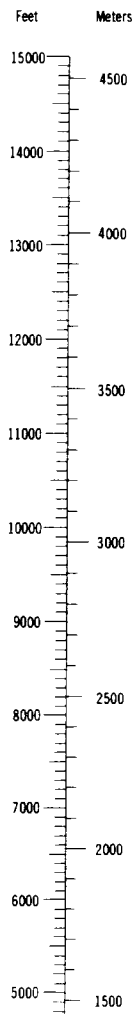


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Peninsula Bank

Mardela Springs, Maryland Quad
1982



CONVERSION
SCALES



(HEBROW)
5860 / NW



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Peninsula Project

Hydrogen Sulfide, Ammonia, etc., are

important constituents

1/97, Cape Town, 1997-1998

100 / 100. 1000000 = 1000000

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W1-3779

Pennsylvania

Monaca Co., Pa.

SOUTHWEST

11/97, Penn. T. Co., At Large

Wes. J. D. H. Co.

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